
AGRICULTURAL

REPORTS OF PROJECT LEADERS SHOW MUCH WORK ACCOMPLISHED

Agricultural Economics

Fifty-seven farmers are keeping farm account books regardless of the size of their farms in Oxford County. These accounts were furnished an account book, given assistance during the year in keeping the account, and have it accurately summarized at the end of the year without any cost to themselves.

Perhaps one of the largest series of meetings we have ever held in the county was held this winter and spring to acquaint farmers with the business situation and farm outlook. Most of these were all day meetings with dinners. Eighteen meetings were held in all with an attendance of 253 farmers and wives.

Crops

Crops work has been done this year on Potato Seed Plots, Alfalfa Demonstration Plots, Food and Famine Orders, Hauling soil test meetings and potato production meetings. Thirty-seven men are carrying improved potato seed plots to furnish a better foundation stock for the potato growers. They were all carefully supervised and rogued by the County Agent.

Alfalfa is now being grown successfully on at least thirty-seven farms in the county. Many of these are enlarging their original acreage as fast as they can. One needs only to talk with one of these growers to see what alfalfa means to them.

Sixty farmers have been out to testing meetings and had many accounts of soil tested for acidity and lime requirement. Nearly all men attended the series of meetings on the business situation to get information on the latest production practices in growing potatoes. Our project leaders in each community have assisted in pooling orders for fertilizer and car lot discounts for the alfalfa of all farmers. This was undoubtedly the spring and is being done again this fall.

Dairy

Efforts in the Dairy Project this year have been directed toward finishing up the Better Bull Campaign, finding new interest in dairy herd improvement work and the holding of milk quality meetings. Several scrub bulls have been purchased this year, but no complete check has been made on all owners of grade bulls and has been made to find out the true number of grade bulls. At the advice of the various community committees we are recommending that this project be dropped from the county program. The check on grade bulls for the end of the year and others continued in a few communities. A total of 1307 bulls were placed in the program from 1926 to 1930, eighty-four of which were in Oxford County. It is hoped to add to this number this year.

Milk Quality Meetings were held this year with R. P. Talbot, Extension Dairy Specialist present. Nineteen meetings were held and the results of the year were of quality milk and cream set figures can meet the health regulations that are becoming more strict annually. We think that this is the best time to encourage improvement in the quality of milk. Several more meetings are to be held so we recommend leaving this project as the county program for next year.

Some interest in the Jersey Breeds of Jersey Breeders Association in Oxford County. Plans are underway to find the extent of interest among these Jersey breeders.

A new project which is being proposed for next year is Safety Bull Tests. This is an endeavor to get dairy farmers to construct suitable pens for their bulls to eliminate dangerous methods of handling the bull until proven.

Forestry

Forestry work continues in Woodlot Improvement and Forest Tree Planting. Although planting interest is very limited, the need for wood lots has become greater and more important. One in Lovell is anticipating the planting of one hundred acres to forest trees this fall. Another person in Fryburg plans to set 33,000 trees. Up to and including 1930, there have been 11,417 trees. The 1931 figures are not complete.

In woodlot improvement we have started eighteen demonstrations including new constructions in Hiram, Fryburg, W. Hartford and South Paris. Plans for next fall plans are being made to hold a County Forestry Meeting to be held in South Paris on November 9. Four woodlot projects will be expected including three completed demonstrations and one on a typical farm woodlot. Arrangements have been made to have a log on hand which was pruned when small and which has been sawed to show the effect of pruning. A contest will be held among those present in which power sawed or thinning a given area will be decided. A picnic lunch is planned and the forestry speakers will be present. No doubt will be present. The object of the meeting is to arouse greater interest in woodlot improvement work.

Apple Orchard

Apple Tree Planting, Apple Tree Pruning, Orchard Spray Service and Apple Maggot Control have received attention in those communities where spraying is commercially important. Nine men purchased 1030 trees through the county pool. This includes one demonstration orchard which now contains a thousand trees. Another thousand trees have been planted next year by the county. Orchardists have been encouraged to buy poison material for winter protection against mid fall.

Twelve packages of bees were secured for nine men for pollination purposes this spring.

Forty Oxford County Orchardists are receiving notices from the Farm Bureau Office on time to spray for apple tree pest control insects and diseases. These notices were supplemented by a spray service news letter from the Orono office at regular intervals. Next year plans are to include a much longer list of the commercial orchardists on the spray service list.

Tree pruning demonstrations were held in Buckfield, North Paris, Norway and South Paris with forty-eight men attending.

An apple maggot control orchard has been started in Buckfield. Prevention of maggot injury was greatly reduced this year in spite of adverse conditions surrounding the orchard.

A tree blowing demonstration has been given to show the use of dynamic blowing out trees and a meeting was held to show the type of trees to use in an orchard and give some information on life history. Two trips are being used in Buckfield this year to determine what time to spray for maggot next summer.

Poultry

We have forty-six poultrymen enrolled in the Grow Good Poultry campaign and following recommendations. Last year those men following the recommendations

EAST WATERFORD

REX Theatre

Elissa Landi
Colonel Barrymore

TUESDAY
"Penrod and Sam"
with
Leon Janney

Bert Lahr

in
"Flying High"
THURSDAY
"The Ruling Voice"
 with
 William Franklin

Bert Wheeler

Robt. Woolsey
in
"Caught Plastered"
SATURDAY
Tom Keene

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